

March 5, 1971

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Alistair Cooke, who you advised was born November 20, 1909, in England. Cooke has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI.

Our files indicate, however, he is a former newspaperman for the "Manchester Guardian" and host on the former television show "Omnibus." Cooke is also the author of a book entitled "A Generation On Trial" concerning the Alger Hiss case. Alger Hiss was tried and convicted in 1949-50 on perjury charges growing out of a Soviet-directed espionage case. Cooke's treatment of the matter is in favor of Hiss and, while not condoning his crimes, tends to regard him with leniency and sympathy. (74-1333-4565)

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Alistair Cooke based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Sincerely yours,

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